

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 19 – 23 and 25 – 27 were pending in the present application. Claims 7, 9-16, 23 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 17, and 26 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1 – 6, 17, 19 – 22 and 26 – 27 remain pending.

Claims 1-6, 11-16 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Veritas' Backup Exec For Windows NT and Windows 2000 Administrator's Guide (hereinafter "the Guide") and further in view of Microsoft Exchange Property Tags Listing (undated, hereinafter "MSTags"). Claims 7, 9-10, 17 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beattie (U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0200480) and further in view of MSTags.

Claims 25 and 26 were objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 19 – 23 and 25 – 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), however to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended method claim 1 to include all the limitations of method claim 25 and has cancelled claim 25 for this reason. Applicant has further amended system claim 17 to include the corresponding limitations of method claim 25. Applicant respectfully submits that system claim 17 is directed toward an allowable embodiment that includes subject matter similar to amended claim 1.

Regarding claim 19, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 recites a computer readable medium including features similar to those recited in claim 25, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Claim 26 has been amended to depend on claim 1, instead of claim 25. Applicant has cancelled claims 7, 9-16 and 23 without prejudice. The Examiner is kindly requested to enter the claim amendments submitted in this paper.

The respective claims dependent on base claims 1 and 19 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on an allowable base claim. Accordingly, claims 1 – 6, 17, 19 – 22 and 26 – 27 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-15800/BNK.

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